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Class of 1926 Holds Reunion

The 1926 graduating class of Appomattox Agricultural High School celebrated its fiftieth reunion Saturday evening with a dinner at the "old" high school cafeteria.

Of the twenty-seven surviving members, 22 were present, eight with their spouses. An open house get-together was held from 4:30 to 6:30 at the home of Mrs. Florence Trent.

After the meal, Mrs. Onida O'Brien Persinger held at memorial for the twelve deceased class members. Three teachers, June Hubbard Knight, Miss Edith Kruger, and Mrs. Helen Welch Harvey were recognized. Each class member gave a capsule report of his 50 years since graduation. Message from absent members and teachers were given by Phoebe O'Brien McGill. A most enjoyable occasion with the "Spirit Of 76".

Attending, pictured above were, front row from left, Hazel Mann, Dan Jennings, Lucille F. Puckett, Helen Harvey, Cornell Pugh, Edith Kruger, and June H. Knight; second row from left, Alice H. Marshall, Onida O. Persinger, Myrtle E. Duffner, Olive L. Pearce, Ursula W. Davis, Vara M. Roberston, Nell C. Thrasher, Gladys J. Harvey, and third row from left, Phoebe O'B. McGill, Virginia W. Reams, Catherine C. Deane, Florence G. Trent, Kate P. Cummings, Catherine G. Frazier, Gladys Dudley and Rebecca M. Jamerson.

Evergreen

Congratulations to the high school graduates from Evergreen!

The Evergreen Baptist Church enjoyed a wonderful Homecoming Day of Fellowship with the many guests attending Sunday. Former pastors and wives attending were: Rev. and Mrs. R. T. Smith, Rev. and Mrs. Terrell Brown of Martinsburg West Virginia, Rev. and Mrs. David L. Bailey of Gladys, Rev. and Mrs. Robert Harris of Nathalie Virginia, Rev. Vergil Hudson of Portsmouth, Virginia, and Mrs. Cecil Carter of Richmond, Virginia. Rev. and Mrs. L. P. Brown, long tiome friends of the church were also present.

The U. M. Y. F. of the Evergreen United Methodist Church enjoyed a get-together at the Evergreen ball Park Sunday afternoon.

Rev. Durwood Fox is a patient in the Virginia Baptist Hospital, Lynchburg; we hope for him a speedy recovery.

Mrs. Addie Baker and Mrs. Clarkie Ranson visited Mr. Aubrey Hanson, a patient in Lynchburg General Hospital on Monday.

Rhonda Womack entered the hospital on Monday for surgery.

Mr. Fred Wooldridge is a patient in the Lynchburg General Hospital.

Mrs. Ursula Davis of Farmville spent the week-end with her brother-in-law and sister Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Hamilton and attended the 50th. anniversary of her high school graduating class.

Mrs. Jimmy Pierce of Farmville spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Carter Martin and attended the 50th. anniversary of her high school graduating class.

Mrs. Cecil Carter and Mrs. Louise Galvin of Richmond attended the Homecoming at The Evergreen Baptist Church and spent Sunday night in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Randall Wooldridge.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Hamilton and Amanda of Newport News are spending several days in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Hamilton and expect to return to their home on Wednesday.

Mrs. Minnie Massie of Hampton Virginia is spending several days with her brother-in-law and sister Mr. and Mrs. Z. E. Cheatham.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Fred L. Stewart of Tennessee spent the week-end in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Keys and attended the Homecoming at the Evergreen Baptist Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilkie Terry of Lafayette Ind. and Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Johnson of Pineville Kentucky visited Rev. and Mrs Edmond Terry and family this week-end.

Mrs. Lula Johnson and Miss Mabel Farmer of Weber City, Virginia and Mrs. Beryl Farmer of Hillsville spent the week-end in the home of Mrs. Clara Garrett and Mrs. Alice Jackson.

Rev. Vergil L. Hudson of Portsmouth and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Shull of Chesepeake Virgina were the week-end guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth St. John.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Harvey of Richmond and Mrs. Louise Caspersons of Seattle Washington attended the Homecoming at Evergreen Baptist Church on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bishop and son Joseph have recently returned from Frankfort Germany and are spending some time in the home of her mother Mrs. Arye Paulette.

Mr. Calvin Franklin and Thelma of Prospect Mr. George Thompson and children Mr. Walter Carrico, Mr. James Carrico and Timmy and James, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Carrico and Sheila and Donald and Mrs. Margie Franklin visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Franklin, Jessie, Jr. and Virginia Lee on Sunday afternoon.

Rev. Terrell Brown of Martinsburg, West Virginia and Rev. and Mrs. L. P. Brown of South Hill spent Saturday night in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Randall Wooldridge.

Rev. and Mrs. John Franklin of Blackwater North Carolina are spending some time here with her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Clapp.

Mr. and Mrs. Burke Paulette of Mineral Virginia and Mr. and Ms. Temple Paulette of Roanoke spent the week-end visiting relatives and attended the Homecoming at the Evergreen Baptist Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Clapp of Richmond visited relatives here over the week-end and attended the Homecoming at the Evergreen Baptist Church.

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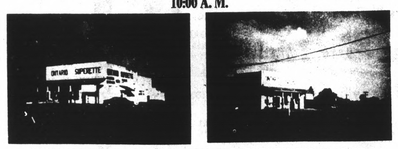

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Father Darkleaf

BY CALVIN ROBINSON

Hi. What a fine week end for everyone. Lots of chores behind us, but Nature keeps things growing, so we will whet the axe, keep gas in the mowers and ladle out elbow grease. Appomattox looks great.

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The famous Rocks Quartet does as much as anyone to advertise Appomattox. This local musical group travels far and wide to bring a message in song. Clipped an item from a Richmond newspaper saying the Rocks Quartet of Appomattox would present a concert at Stoukeley Hall Baptist Church. A verse of No. 88 for a fine group and hope I may get to hear you soon.

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Early this morning saw a squirrel rambling about, or rather hopping about, in my backyard. How graceful. Poetry in motion. I read someplace squirrels forget where they hid nuts, but have a way of finding them somehow. Ah yes, maybe someday they will check into my Den, where a senior nut beiabors a battle-scarred typewriter. But things are happening outdoors. Some of the seed I planted is actually coming up! Hurrah. I have never seen my fig tree look so promising. I put out a dozen tomato plants and they look real pert. Something is coming up in a few hills and the seed packet under a rock alongside says sunflowers. What I really want to know is the future of the Georgia Rattlesnake watermelons I planted. Ah-yes, my friends, it is great to share the thrills of '76.

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Sunday was a great day for everyone, but I remembered that it was the anniversary of "D-Day" when our heroes landed on the beaches of Normandy to win a glorious but costly war. And I recalled that I was at home on that memorable night and the phone rang about 2 a.m. and it was the late Mrs. Russell Wagers, calling to tell the news. Many of our noblest did not survive, but lights went on around the world, for it was one of our proudest hours. Take heart, gentle friends. America is Great and this is our Bicentennial Year.

We have a rendezvous with Destiny.

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And now a bit about Books. My college class just had its fiftieth anniversary and I could not attend. But our class president did such a perfect job of briefing everyone about who was there and what went on. And enclosed in the latest letter was a list of books authored by our classmates. How about it, over fifty books by our one class! And on such a variety of subjects. And it made me think about Appomattox writers. Not near enough. But there was quality in the writings of Havilah Babcock, Mary Louise Gills and others. I will not mention making a list, but we have been blessed with talented writers and all I will say is that you leave a treasured heritage when you write a book.

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Memo: revised record of my tallest daylilly . . . forty-four inches.

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Court Street is a center of interest as the work crews set about their project of widening and modernizing. Come to think of it, I'll ask a question to which I do not know the answer . . . what's the longest street and what's the shortest street in town?

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Proud is the word about our high school graduates. And I do hope that many will continue their education in college. We live in a competitive world and quest for knowledge is an essential ingredient. Costs money and more now than ever, but the dividends are great.

Thanks for reading and seeya next week. Keep Appomattox GROWING.

School Board Honors Retiring Personnel

The Appomattox County School Board, in regular session on Thursday, June 3, honored employees who are retiring at the end of the current school session. Standing with those who are retiring in the picture above are School Board members Mr. Lyle N. Garrette, Mrs. Ruth Webb and Dr. A. A. Fratrick. Standing left to right are Mr. Frank Chuchek, Mr. Garrette, Mrs. Madeline Thomas, Mrs. Webb, Mrs. Virginia Beard, Dr. Fratrick, Mrs. Louise Martin, Mr. Ernest Rogers, Mr. E. Marshall Stratton and Mr. Boyd Humbles. These persons represent a total of 141 years service to Appomattox County Schools.

Mr. Lyle Garrette, chairman of the Board, expressed appreciation to the retiring employees for their many contributions to the youth of the county and wished for them many years of good health and happiness. Each person was presented a certificate of appreciation for dedicated, efficient and competent services to Appomattox County Public Schools.

Accepts Director of Instruction Position In Cumberland County

Cumberland County School Superintendent, Paulus E. Price, has announced the appointment of a local educator, Mrs. Pauline F. DePew, to a position as Director of Instruction for the county school system. Employed by the Appomattox County Schools since 1965, Mrs. DePew began her career as an American Government and Economics teacher. Since 1970 she has served as a guidance counselor at Appomattox County High School.

Mrs. DePew received her B.S. Degree from Longwood College as an honor graduate in 1965. She was the recipient of a scholarship from the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. for graduate work in Economics at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She also received a fellowship as an Old Dominion Scholar in the Humanities at the University of Virginia. Mrs. DePew received a Master of Education degree in Counselor Education from the University of Virginia in 1970. She has also completed post graduate work in administration and supervision at Longwood and Lynchburg College.

Mrs. Pauline F. DePew

She is married to Harry B. DePew who is also a career teacher in Math and Science at Amherst County High School, and the couple have operated a farm near Oakville since 1955. Their two daughters were graduated from Appomattox High School. Mrs. Anne D. Costa is now teaching in the Birmingham, Alabama City Schools. The DePews have traveled extensively in recent years including trips to the Caribbean area, Spain, Japan,

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Local Youth Named Agriculture Award Winner

Donnie Thornhill, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Thornhill of Appomattox, Virginia, was recently named winner of the 1975-76 DEKALB Agriculture Accomplishment Award. The award, sponsored by DEKALB Ag Research, Inc., is presented to the outstanding senior in vocational agriculture departments around the country. He was chosen for the award on the basis of his scholarship, leadership, and supervised farming program.

Donnie attends Appomattox County High School, where he has been President, Reporter, and Secretary of the local FFA Chapter, and Chaplain on the Federation level. His agriculture program consists of farm mechanics.

Following graduation, Donnie plans to attend VPI & SU in Blacksburg, Va. As this year's DEKALB Accomplishment Award winner, Donnie's name will be inscribed along with previous winners on a special honors plaque provided by DEKALB Ag Research, Inc. DEKALB is a leading supplier of hybrid seeds, poultry, and swine breeding stock and livestock marketing services.

"Class Day For ACHS Seniors Held May 31

"Class Day" Exercises were held on Monday, May 31, in the Appomattox County High School Auditorium for the 175 graduating seniors.

The program was as follows: Processional; Welcome by Steve Cawthorn, Class President; Class History by Jeanette Clark; Motto by Jack Smith; Class Song - Music and Lyrics by Maryjane Smith; Awards and Gifts; Last Will and Testament by Sharon Paulette and Tony Story; Presentation of Gavel to Junior Class President; Alma Mater by Steve Cawthorn; and the Recessional.

Mrs. H. P. James, counselor, announced scholarships and awards to the following seniors: Judy Bryant, $400 March of Dimes Scholarship; Tommy Steven Cawthorn, $500 Granville P. Meade Scholarship and Greater Lynchburg Area Honor Scholarship; Sandra Lynn Chambers, $700 Academic and Music Talent Scholarship to Oral Roberts University & the "I Dare You" Leadership Award from the American Youth Foundation; Beverly Dianne Harvey, $150 Mozella J. Price Scholarship to Longwood College; Cynthia D. Hunter, $1200 Academic Scholarship to St. Paul's College; Carla R. Lipford, $600 Martin Luther King and Virginia Waddell Scholarship to the College of William & Mary and the Mozella J. Price Scholarship of $150; Deborah McIvor, $1200 Academic Scholarship to St. Paul's College; Debra Gail Morrell, $200 Junior Woman's Club Scholarship to Lynchburg General Hospital School of Nursing; Herbert L. Pankey, the "I Dare You" Leadership Award from the American Youth Foundation; Sharon M. Paulette, "Keep Virginia Green" Award; Richard A. Shelton, $800 Academic Scholarship to Longwood College; Maryjane Smith, $625 Athletic Scholarship for Basketball to Longwood College; George D. Stratton, $150 Beta Sigma Phi Sorority Scholarship to John Tyler Community College; and Donald W. Thornhill, Jr. the Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizen Award.

Other awards for outstanding achievement and teachers presenting them were: English Awards, Miss Brenda Waldron to Sandy Chambers and R. B. Carter, Jr.; All Around Athletic Award, Mrs. Louise Martin presented to Maryjane Smith; Athletic Awards, Danny Hix and Richard Ferguson presented by Mr. Larry Carter; Band Award to Gordon Ford presented by Mr. Frank Coffey; Drill Team Award, Mr. Battle

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Arts & Crafts Center Extends Hours

The Historic Appomattox Station Arts and Crafts Center is now open Tuesdays through Saturdays 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. The shop will be closed on Mondays (except for holiday Mondays when it will be kept open). New hours took effect the first of June and will continue into fall.

The center offers a wide variety of locally created arts and crafts. You will find many items of interest to you or to give as gifts-ceramic ware, dried floral arrangements, beaded jewelry, split oak baskets, toys, dolls, a variety of bonnets and hats, knit and crocheted items etc. . . There are also fine decorator items to grace your home such as quilts, pillow covers, horse hames mirrors, wall hangings, hanging planters, and oil paintings.

Any artist or craftsperson in Appomattox County is eligible for membership in H.A.S.A.C. C. If you have a special skill or talent you might consider joining the center and putting your handmade items in the shop to sell.

Stop by the Railroad Station on Main St. in Appomattox and see for yourself what the Arts and Crafts Center has to offer. Chances are you'll enjoy your visit.

School Boards Conference Held

Mr. Lyle N. Garrette, Appomattox County School Board Chairman, and Mr. Lloyd G. Walton, Division Superintended the Southern Region School Boards Association Annual Conference held in Williamsburg, June 2-6. The Southern Region represents twelve southern states.

Governor Mills E. Godwin, Jr., spoke at the general session Friday morning. His remarks were directed toward the organizaiton of teachers' unions with collective bargaining powers.

The governor said, "I do not believe in collective bargaining by teachers' unions. I do not believe in the right of teachers or any other government employee to go on strike."

Speaking at the Friday night banquet was Dr. Walter B. Barbe, Editor, Highlights for

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Lions Club Will Meet Tonight

The Appomattox Lions Club will meet tonight, Thursday, at 6:45 p.m. at Maudes Restaurant.

Jon McCormick of Bedford, associated with Southwest Virginia Health Agency, will be guest speaker for the evening.

All members will want to be present.

Lions members would like to thank all people who supported them in their recently sponsored barn and mop sale. It was one of the most successful that the club has sponsored and is an annual event to help local Lions raise money for their Sight Conservation Project.

Historical Society Will Meet June 14

The Appomattox County Historical Society will meet Monday, June 14, at 7:30 p.m. at the Appomattox Middle School cafeteria.

Dr. Mervyn Williamson, a native of Appomattox County, Vice President and Chairman of Research and Publications Committee, will be in charge of the program for the evening.

Dr. Williamson will utilize the meeting to organize and prepare for the summer's project of inventoring historical structures and sites in the county. In the "work-meeting" members will also talk about fall projects and events to include a tour to South Carolina.

Approves Demolishing Of Old Dormitory

School Board Notes Cut In Title I Funds

The Appomattox County School Board met in regular session on Thursday, June 3, 1976 at 3 p.m. in the Board Room in Appomattox. In addition to the recognition of employees retiring at the end of the current school session (see separate story) the Board discussed certain areas of the school system and adopted a policy regarding educational leave.

Title I Program For 1976-77

Information regarding the Title I program for 1976-77 was shared with the Board. A reduction in funds for the next school session will result in less personnel in the program. It is anticipated that approximately $89,000 will be available for the program compared to $130.00 this year.

To live within the budget the superintendent stated at it would be necessary to remove from the program two teaching positions and six teacher aide positions. With these reductions the program for 1976-77 will have the services of three teachers, ten teacher aids, one secretary and one part-time director.

The reductions should not affect the quality of the program. Less students will be served. However, records indicate that the number of children in need of the Title I services is decreasing.

Annual and Five-Year Division Plans

A draft of the annual and five-years plans for the school division was discussed with the Board. It was pointed out that the plan is a revision of the 1975-76 plan based on suggestions of the Central Planning Councils, administrative personnel and School Board.

On Wednesday, June 2, 1976, the Central Planning Council reviewed the revised draft and adopted it with minor revisions and changes. The plan will be presented for official adoption by the School Board at a regular meeting on Thurs., June 24.

Review of Plans for Summer Activities

The superintendent reviewed with the Board some of the plans for summer activities. One item on the list is painting the outside trim of Pamplin Elementary School, painting the cafeteria, corridors, and principal's office at Appomattox Primary School, painting the outside trim where needed at Appomattox Elementary School and painting the Vo-Ag classrooms, band room and possibly home economics classrooms at Appomattox Middle School.

Other plans include a youth recreational program, organization of schools for 1976-77, school community canneries, summer school, committee work, guidance program, purchasing materials and supplies, and in-service activities for principals and central office personnel.

School Board Policy

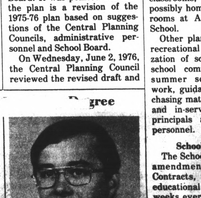
The School Board adopted an amendment to Policy #5.2, Contracts, which provides for educational level for three weeks every third summer for teachers employed on 12 months contracts. The leave shall be granted for teacher working for an advanced degree, taking classes for certificate renewal and taking enrichment classes related to the person's area of responsibility.

Razing of Dormitory At AMS

The Board approved the razing of the dormitory at the Appomattox Middle School by Campbell Brothers Wrecking Co. of Lynchburg. It is anticipated that this work will begin on June 14. During the time of this demolition project, all persons are requested to stay off of the grounds in the vicinity of the building.

The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled Thurs., June 24, at 7 p.m. in the School Board Office.

Awarded Doctor of [illegible]gree



Larry F. Smith

Larry F. Smith was awarded the Doctor of Medicine degree at final exercises on Sunday, May 16, 1976 at the University of Virginia. Dr. Smith is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred C. Smith of Appomattox, Va.

Dr. Smith is a 1972 Magna Cum Laude graduate of Hampden-Sydney College. He is a member of Phi Beta Kappa, the nation's oldest and most prestigious honorary scholastic society.

Dr. Smith fulfilled degree requirements in January and has just completed four months of residency training in Psychiatry. He has accepted a position as resident physician in Internal Medicine at the University of Virginia Hospital in Charlottesville, Va.

Local Rescue Squad Answers 46 Calls In May

During the month of May, volunteer members of the Appomattox County Rescue Squad responded to a total of 46 emergency calls. Ten persons required the administering of oxygen and four persons were injured in four automobile accidents.

ACRS members spent 188½ manhours and travelled a total of 1978 miles in answer to the 46 emergency calls.

A breakdown of the calls answered is as follows: 3 persons passed out; breathing difficulty, 6; transports at doctors request, 6; heart attacks, 3; broken bones, 3; falls, 3; home accidents, 2; one oxygen set-up at a home; chest pains, 1; strokes, 3; illness, 4; dead on arrival, 1; convulsion, 1; wrecks, 4; industrial accident, 1; diabetic, 1; overdose, 2; and one call for a drunk person.

In addition to answering the emergency calls, 18 hours were spent by volunteers of the local squad in assisting with a Blood Pressure Clinic set up in Appomattox and ten and one-half hours were spent on stand-by at a rodeo held in the area.

4 - H Dog Show - Today, June 10th

The Appomattox 4-H Dog Show will be held today, June 10, on the Appomattox Middle School Football Field beginning at 7 p.m.

The show was rained out last Tuesday and Wednesday and has been rescheduled.

UDC Presents Book To Academy

On Friday of last week, Mrs. Lena Eversole (far left), President of the Appomattox Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, presented twenty books to the library at Robert E. Lee Academy, a gift from the local UDC.

Juding from the smiling faces of the students, they were quite pleased with the gift for their library.